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SUBJECT: MORE ON DISCUSSIONS AT COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF  
GOVERNMENT MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN ASPECTS OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (REF-TEL), EMBOFF HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MS. STORER, HEAD OF COMMONWEALTH COORDINATION DEPARTMENT ALSO AT FCO, ON MAY 14. MAIN ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH STORER WERE CYPRUS, MADAM GANDHI'S SPEECH ON CHANGING WORLD SITUATION AND UK ESTIMATE OF MEETING.

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2. CYPRUS (UNDERLINED)

MARKARIOS' APPEAL TO CONFERENCE TO AID IN PRESERVING INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS WAS HARDLY NECESSARY IN BRITISH VIEW AS THERE WAS NO ONE AT CONFERENCE WHO WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED SECESSION. AFRICANS PARTICULARLY HELD STRONG VIEWS IN THIS REGARD. CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE ON CYPRUS, BRITISH AND CANADIANS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IT NOT BE ESTABLISHED. MAKARIOS, HOWEVER, FELT HE NEEDED TO GO BACK WITH SOME KIND OF POSITIVE TOKEN FROM THE CONFERENCE, AND COMMITTEE SEEMS AS GOOD A ONE AS ANY. BRITISH INTEND THAT COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE WILL BE USED TO BACK UP VIENNA TALKS AND TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO KEEP THESE TALKS GOING. OTHERWISE, NO NEW INITIATIVES OR IDEAS ON CYPRUS WERE DISCUSSED.

3. CHANGING WORLD SITUATION (UNDERLINED)

MADAM GANDHI'S SPEECH ON CHANGING WORLD SITUATION, PARTICULARLY RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT POWERS, WAS GIVEN A GREAT DEAL LESS ATTENTION THAN THIS PERENNIAL AGENDA ITEM HAS BEEN GIVEN AT PREVIOUS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS. MAIN REASON WAS THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE GAVE IT, THE DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN ISSUES RESUMED AND THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION. STORER COMMENTED THAT AFTER READING MADAM GANDHI'S SPEECH, IT REHASHED SAME INDIAN POSITIONS THAT ARE ALREADY WELL-KNOWN, BUT WAS MORE NOTABLE FOR ITS RESTRAINED LANGUAGE. GANDHI'S MAIN THEME WAS THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM POWERS SHOULD ASSERT THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE IT IN THEIR POWER TO THWART PLANS OF GREAT POWERS. ON INDIAN OCEAN, GANDHI NOTED, WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, THAT WHEN GREAT POWER DID SOMETHING, IT INVITED COUNTERMOVES BY THE OTHER POWER.

HER SUGGESTION THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

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SEND GREETINGS "TO PRG" WAS NOT FOLLOWED UP IN EXACTLY THE WAY THAT SHE HAD INTENDED. WHILE CLAIMING FEAR OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT HAS RECEDED, GANDHI MADE PLEA FOR MORE DISARMAMENT, RATHER THAN CONTINUED EFFORT AT STRIKING ARMS BALANCE BY GREAT POWERS. ON US ARMS TO PAKISTAN, SHE SAID THAT BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY ON SUB-CONTINENT WAS ERRONEOUS. ALSO, IN CONNECTION WITH US, GANDHI SAID THAT SPECULATION THAT AMERICA WAS RETURNING TO ISOLATIONISM WAS NOT VALID.

4. AID FOR GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (UNDERLINED)

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STORER AND NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WAS COMMENT THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN MADE IT UNMISTAKENLY CLEAR TO CONFERENCE THAT UK WOULD NOT PROVIDE ARMS, MONEY OR TRAINING FOR ANY GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. THIS ASSERTION, STORER SAID, PROVOKED NO OUTBURST OF INDIGNATION OR OPPOSITION FROM ANYONE AND IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

5. UK ASSESSMENT OF CONFERENCE (UNDERLINED)

ACCORDING TO STORER, KINGSTON MEETING MARKED MILESTONE IN PROGRESS OF COMMONWEALTH AS ORGANIZATION.

DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS REFLECTED MATURITY OF ORGANIZATION AND DEGREE OF SELF ASSURANCE AMONG MEMBERS IN DEALING WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH WORLD PROBLEMS. PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH TONE OF DISCUSSIONS, WHICH STORER CHARACTERIZED AS OUTSPOKEN, BUT SENSIBLE, WHICH HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE AT SUCH MEETINGS.

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